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20th March, 1959.COCOM Document No. 3416.35/3COORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF DISCUSSIONSONITEM 1635 - ALLOYS12th, 16th and 19th March, 1959.

Present: Belgium(Luxembourg), Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Documents 3016.00/4, 3016.35/1 and 2, 3416.00/1, 2 and 3, 3416.35/1 and 2; COCOM Sub-C(58) 6 and 8.

1. After the CHAIRMAN had ascertained that Delegations had not received instructions regarding the United States Memorandum 3416.35/2, the UNITED KINGDOM Delegate asked for the floor on the subject of the heading to Item 1635. His Delegation advocated two amendments. The first was the substitution of "Alloy steels" for "Alloys". The second was the insertion of the phrase "containing 50% or more iron". He pointed out that on page 2 of the Appendix to COCOM Document 3016.00/1 the following passage appeared:

"In general the Committee agreed that this item covered only steel alloys, i.e. steels containing 50% or more iron. The UNITED STATES Delegation agreed to this interpretation subject to a later study of non-ferrous alloys."

2. The United Kingdom Delegate stated that his Government had proceeded on the basis of this understanding and had inserted "containing 50% or more iron" in the Export Control Order. From what the German Delegate had mentioned as to "Incoloy", however, it now appeared that the German authorities had different views on what constituted alloy steels.

3. The GERMAN Delegate replied that they were not in favour of the insertion of the phrase "containing 50% or more iron" in the definition, as it would give rise to numerous administrative difficulties. Some steels, moreover, which the German authorities considered should be embargoed, might not be covered thereby. The principle upon which the German control system was based was that each alloy was registered under its chief constituent.

4. The CANADIAN Delegate stated that his authorities could accept both the amendments proposed by the United Kingdom Delegation.

5. The UNITED STATES Delegate also accepted both these amendments, on the understanding that the Committee were agreed on the following:

It is the United States view that alloy steels are alloys which contain 50 per cent or more iron. Alloys containing less than 50 per cent iron are considered non-ferrous alloys and, unless otherwise stipulated, take their List designation from the principal non-ferrous constituent element.

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6. On the 16th March the GERMAN Delegate stated that, his authorities having given further consideration to the matter, he could accept the insertion of the words "containing 50% or more iron".

7. The CHAIRMAN noted that there was now unanimous agreement to change the heading of Item 1635 to read as follows:

Alloy steels, as follows:

(See Interpretative Note No. 6.)

- (a) Containing 50% or more iron and containing
 - (1) 10% or more molybdenum ...

(The remainder of the definition unchanged.)

8. The CHAIRMAN then ascertained that all participating countries were giving consideration to the United States Memorandum 3416.35/2, proposing the addition of a new sub-paragraph to Item 1635. He asked that all Delegations should be prepared to give their positions in the course of the meeting on the 13th April.

9. On the 19th March the Committee AGREED that the change in definition set out in paragraph 7 above would come into force on the 15th April if none of the Member Governments had raised an objection before that date.

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